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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

I urge the S.C. Public Service Commission to reject this incredible increase in the basic fee. We the residents of S.C. put our faith in the Commission to look out for our interests when considering rate increases in this monopoly relationship Duke Energy has with the State and its customers. And if this basic rate increase is determined by the Commission to be truly necessary, then it should be gradually increased over at least 10 years or more.

I trust the Commission will act in the best interests of the public.

Sincerely,
William Johnson

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